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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED 28 MAY 2008

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on 28 May 2008 for the aboveidentified patent application, please consider the following response.

Amendments to the **claims** are given in the listing that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.